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## Military Ranks High Marks at ASMC PDI

U.S. Air Force Maj. Paul L. Carter, DFAS Omaha, received the American Society of Military Comptroller's (ASMC) Distinguished Individual Award for excellence in finance and accounting. Carter, deputy director for accounting in Omaha, initiated *Operation Predator*, an augmentation system to DoD's Operation Mongoose. *Predator* identified over 59 duplicate payments totaling \$2.7 million.

JoAnne E. Barnes, staff accountant at DFAS Limestone, received ASMC's Meritorious Individual Award for excellence in finance and accounting for her role in the On-Line Payment and Collection (OPAC) process. Barnes inspected all miscellaneous bills processed through OPAC to ensure they met OPAC eligibility requirements. Her efforts cleared a huge backlog of Veterans Administration medical bills, balancing the account for the first time ever. She also reduced the amount of delinquent accounts receivables bills greater than 120 days from 57 bills totaling \$820,000 per month to five bills totaling \$3,000.

Both Carter and Barnes received their awards at ASMC's Professional Development Institute in Philadelphia, Pa.